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### **Congressional Inquiries:**

**Rep. Jo Ann Emerson** (Mo.) – Letter – St. John's Bayou-New Madrid Floodway Project. Due: 4/17/12.  
Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Sen. Roy Blunt** (Mo.) – Letter – Constituent questions about the Lead RRP Rule. Due: 4/11/12.  
Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Sen. Chuck Grassley** (Iowa) – Letter – 3/28/12: Requesting information on a mandated wastewater treatment upgrade in Lone Rock. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

**Sen. Ben Nelson** (Neb.) – Call – 3/30/12: Requesting EPA meeting with Back to the River. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

**Sen. Ben Nelson** (Neb.) – Email – 4/6/12: Requesting update on the use of herbicide in chicory cultivation. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7100 (closed)

**Sen. Mike Johanns** (Neb.) – Meeting – 4/6/12: Question on open and closed enforcement cases. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

**Rep. Adrian Smith** (Neb.) – Meeting – 4/6/12: Question CAFO inspections by NDEQ and EPA. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

**Sen. Ben Nelson** (Neb.) – Meeting – 4/6/12: Question on Brownfield Workshops. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

### **State Government Inquiries:**

None

### **Press Inquiries:**

**Scottsbluff (Neb.) Star-Herald** – Maunette Loeks-Van Patten – 4/5/12: Questions about EPA's proposal to connect residence in Hillredge Addition of Scottsbluff, Neb., to the city's water system. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

**Inside EPA** – Dave Reynolds – 4/5/12: Questions about West Lake Landfill at Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**American Oil and Gas Reporter Magazine** – Colter Cookson – 4/9/12: Interviewed about Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) regulations. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

### **Environmental Stories:**

**Muscatine Journal** - TIFs, colleges and air quality come before forum group: Nearly 50 turn out for

**legislative forum at MCC** - 4/8/12 - Nearly 50 people were on hand Saturday to hear what their Iowa lawmakers had to say and to ask a few questions of their own. As in previous forums, representatives of Clean Air Muscatine (CLAM) brought up the matter of air pollution that appears to stem from GPC.  
[http://muscatinejournal.com/news/local/government-and-politics/tifs-colleges-and-air-quality-come-before-forum-group-nearly/article\\_800ceb48-81c1-11e1-8a00-001a4bcf887a.html](http://muscatinejournal.com/news/local/government-and-politics/tifs-colleges-and-air-quality-come-before-forum-group-nearly/article_800ceb48-81c1-11e1-8a00-001a4bcf887a.html)

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Cleanup finished after steam pipe rupture in downtown St. Louis** - 4/9/12 - Crews finished the cleanup Sunday of dirt and asbestos pipe insulation that spewed over a one-block area of downtown after a steam pipe ruptured Thursday. Officials are awaiting test results of surface samples to make sure the area is free of contamination.  
[http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/downtown-cleanup-finished-after-pipe-rupture/article\\_655912a7-27da-5653-bebb-31280ba006e6.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/downtown-cleanup-finished-after-pipe-rupture/article_655912a7-27da-5653-bebb-31280ba006e6.html)

**Associated Press - After Missouri River floods, farmers rush to fix land, levees** - 4/9/12 - After months of brutal flooding along the Missouri River, farmers are making their final push to repair their land and construction crews are rushing to fix levees as the spring planting season gets under way.  
<http://www.kansascity.com/2012/04/08/3543285/after-missouri-river-floods-farmers.html>

**PoliticalNews.me - Senator Blunt Condemns GSA's Misuse Of Taxpayer Dollars** - 4/9/12 - U.S. Senator Roy Blunt (Mo.) released a statement regarding the resignation of GSA Administrator Martha N. Johnson after reports surfaced highlighting the agency's gross misuse of government funds.  
<http://politicalnews.me/?id=13155&keys=GSA-WASTEFUL-MISUSE-FUNDS>

**St. Joseph News-Press - KCP&L to weigh options at St. Joe plant** - 4/7/12 - Kansas City Power & Light has taken a measured approach toward new federal rules that aim to curb toxic emissions from a St. Joseph power plant. The utility said it continues to develop plans that would allow the Lake Road Generating Station to comply with new EPA rules.  
<http://www.newspressnow.com/localnews/30854482/detail.html>

**Ozarks First, Springfield, Mo. - Kit Bond: Obama 'Waging War' on Coal-Fired Electric Plants** - 4/5/12 - Former Missouri Senator Kit Bond may be out of the Washington limelight, but he still has plenty to say about President Obama's energy plans. Speaking to a conference on Missouri's energy future, Bond says Obama, through EPA regulations, is waging war on coal-fired electric generating plants.  
[http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext?nxd\\_id=627862](http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext?nxd_id=627862)

**Des Moines Register - Letter: EPA coal rule a 'dangerous overreach'** - 4/9/12 - The Register's April 2 editorial, "The Question Now: If Not Coal, What?" accurately frames the dilemma we face. If our Environmental Protection Agency's proposed regulations lead to a phase out of coal-fired electric generating plants, without having a viable replacement, then shortages and higher prices will be in our future.  
<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20120409/OPINION/304090034/-1/SPORTS0303/EPA-coal-rule-dangerous-overreach->

**The Wichita Eagle - Comment period open for Coleman site cleanup plan** - 4/9/12 - Kansans have from now through May 9 to comment on a Kansas Department of Health and Environment plan for cleaning the groundwater and soil contamination at the Coleman South Site in Wichita.  
<http://www.kansas.com/2012/04/08/2288956/comment-period-open-for-coleman.html>

**Columbia Daily Tribune (Mo.) - Hinkson plan to keep tabs on water quality** - 4/8/12 - Former adversaries in an effort to improve the health of Hinkson Creek have agreed on a pollution-control plan a decade in the making.  
<http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/2012/apr/08/hinkson-plan-to-keep-tabs-on-water-quality/>

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Mild winter, cheap natural gas batter coal demand, mining stocks** - 4/8/12 - There's no doubt King Coal still rules the energy world. Power plants burned more than 900 million tons of the black rock last year, generating electricity to run factories, cool homes and charge

iPhones.

[http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/mild-winter-cheap-natural-gas-batter-coal-demand-mining-stocks/article\\_e5e06846-8009-11e1-a87b-0019bb30f31a.html](http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/mild-winter-cheap-natural-gas-batter-coal-demand-mining-stocks/article_e5e06846-8009-11e1-a87b-0019bb30f31a.html)

**Omaha World-Herald - E15 fuel faces obstacles** - 4/8/12 - The federal government has given filling stations the green light to sell gasoline containing 15 percent ethanol. But that doesn't mean motorists can count on buying the blend soon. There are still big hurdles to clear before E15, as it's called, catches on. <http://www.omaha.com/article/20120408/MONEY/704089947>

**Farm Futures - Senator Says EPA Will Still Have a Big Influence on Future of E15** - 4/9/12 - A long-time Senate voice for ethanol says the commercial future of 15% ethanol blended gasoline - E-15 - rests with the Environmental Protection Agency and liability protection. Senator Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, suggests EPA's approval last week of ethanol maker applications for registration of E-15 may not guarantee commercial availability in the short-term. <http://farmfutures.com/story.aspx/senator-says-epa-still-big-influence-future-e15-17/58752>

**Oil & Gas Journal - EPA raises allowable ethanol limit in gasoline to 15%** - 4/9/12 - EPA raised the allowable limit of ethanol in gasoline to 15% on Apr. 2 as it approved the first registration applications to supply the additive on those terms. EPA said its action followed an extensive technical review of the increased ethanol level's impacts. <http://www.ogj.com/articles/print/vol-110/issue-4a/general-interest/epa-raises-allowable.html>

**American Thinker - Opinion: Unelected EPA Bureaucrats Approve E15 Ethanol** - 4/9/12 - Last week, "an unelected group of people" over at the Environmental Protection Agency revised our national energy policy, approving a new gasoline blend with up to 15% ethanol, known as E15, which may be available in pumps this summer. [http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/04/unelected\\_epa\\_bureaucrats\\_approve\\_e15\\_ethanol.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/2012/04/unelected_epa_bureaucrats_approve_e15_ethanol.html)

**ThomasNet News - Opinion: The Love/Hate Ethanol Debate Rages On** - 4/9/12 - EPA this week announced it has taken a step toward wide distribution of gasoline mixed with 15 percent ethanol by allowing manufacturers to register as suppliers. Many argue plant-based ethanol isn't all it's cracked up to be. What's the rush? [http://news.thomasnet.com/green\\_clean/2012/04/06/the-lovehate-ethanol-debate-rages-on/](http://news.thomasnet.com/green_clean/2012/04/06/the-lovehate-ethanol-debate-rages-on/)

**KTTS Radio, Springfield, Mo. - Former Senator Says EPA Threatens Missouri** - 4/7/12 - Former Senator Kit Bond tells the Missouri Chamber that federal energy policies are a threat to the coal-powered Midwest. <http://www.ktts.com/news/146563925.html>

**Steelguru - Railroads again worried about proposed regulation by EPA** - 4/8/12 - After lower coal production forecasts by US Energy Information Administration, railroads are again worried about the proposed regulation by EPA for power plants across 27 states. Railroads, which transport nearly two third of the coal shipment, are most likely to be impacted by the implementation of the new regulation that could result in a gradual decline in domestic coal demand. [http://www.steelguru.com/raw\\_material\\_news/Railroads\\_again\\_worried\\_about\\_proposed\\_regulation\\_by\\_EPA/258171.html](http://www.steelguru.com/raw_material_news/Railroads_again_worried_about_proposed_regulation_by_EPA/258171.html)

**National Journal (blog) - What's Really Causing Coal's Decline?** - 4/9/12 - Are EPA rules the reason the coal industry is declining? Or is natural gas and other market forces the cause? Is EPA doing enough to regulate pollution from coal-generated electricity? Should Congress or the Obama administration provide more money for promoting and researching clean-coal technology? <http://energy.nationaljournal.com/2012/04/whats-really-causing-coals-dec.php>

**National Journal (blog) - The Law of Unintended Consequences** - 4/9/12 - Are EPA rules the reason the coal industry is declining? Or is natural gas and other market forces the cause? The very short answer is YES! EPA's new clean air rules are likely to become a course in the Law of Unintended Consequences. <http://energy.nationaljournal.com/2012/04/whats-really-causing-coals-dec.php>

**National Journal (blog) - Stop Scapegoating EPA** - 4/9/12 - People sometimes say silly things in the heat of public policy debates. Consider, for example, the eyebrow-raising comments last week by Cecil Roberts, president of the United Mine Workers of America, who asserted that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had killed the coal industry.

<http://energy.nationaljournal.com/2012/04/whats-really-causing-coals-dec.php#2192949>

**Ethanol Producer Magazine - Biofuel groups support RFS, EPA in federal lawsuit** - 4/9/12 - Six biofuel trade associations have filed a motion in the U.S. District Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to intervene in support of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS2) 2012 final rule being challenged by the American Petroleum Institute.

<http://www.ethanolproducer.com/articles/8696/biofuel-groups-support-rfs-epa-in-federal-lawsuit>

**The Examiner, Washington D.C. - Opinion: EPA's new farcical carbon mandate** - 4/9/12 - Coal presently provides almost half our electricity. Given the enormous advantages of affordable energy, it is odd how adamantly certain parties disparage fossil fuels.

<http://washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/op-eds/2012/04/epas-new-farcical-carbon-mandate/444946>

**Huffington Post (blog) - Carbon Capture and Storage: A Fresh Look at Storage and Other Issues** - 4/9/12 - New research concludes we've got space to store carbon, but other issues remain. New research concludes we've got space to store carbon, but other issues remain.

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/bill-chameides/carbon-capture-and-storag\\_b\\_1408578.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/bill-chameides/carbon-capture-and-storag_b_1408578.html)

**iWatch - IMPACT: Environmental groups sue EPA over lack of coal ash regulation** - 4/9/12 - Environmental groups sued the Environmental Protection Agency in federal court Thursday over the EPA's failure to regulate disposal of toxic coal ash.

<http://www.iwatchnews.org/2012/04/06/8612/impact-environmental-groups-sue-epa-over-lack-coal-ash-regulation>

**Greenwire - Agency loses track of property it lends to contractors -- IG** - 4/6/12 - U.S. EPA does not know how much government property is in the possession of contractors, leaving millions of dollars of equipment susceptible to theft and mismanagement, according to the agency's inspector general.

<http://www.eenews.net/Greenwire/rss/2012/04/06/16>

**Brownfield Ag News - IN and MO included in Forest Service project** - 4/9/12 - The USDA announced on Friday, April 6 that \$40.6 million will be used for land acquisition projects in 15 states, including Indiana and Missouri. In Missouri, the project will include the Missouri Ozarks and Mark Twain National Forest. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2012/04/09/in-and-mo-included-in-forest-service-project/>

**Washington Post (blog) - GSA regional office rewards program divvied up \$200,000 in gifts** - 4/5/12 - The General Services Administration's regional agency that has come under fire for a lavish employee conference in Las Vegas gave away more than \$200,000-worth of iPods, gift cards and other items to employees as part of a staff award program.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/federal-eye/post/gsa-regional-office-rewards-program-divvied-out-200000-in-gifts/2012/04/05/gIQAVaofxS\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/federal-eye/post/gsa-regional-office-rewards-program-divvied-out-200000-in-gifts/2012/04/05/gIQAVaofxS_blog.html)

**Biofuels Digest - Back to Bedford Falls** - 4/9/12 - What could be done with \$360 million in a single community of 5,500 people, by an enterprising banker, making loans from the deposits that are made in conjunction with fuel payments? Every year, \$12 million leaches out of the community and goes to building communities elsewhere. \$360 million staying in local circulation? That's like a Marshall Plan for a small town. <http://www.biofuelsdigest.com/bdigest/2012/04/09/back-to-bedford-falls/>

**San Francisco Chronicle - Fukushima radiation found in California kelp** - 4/8/12 - Kelp off California was contaminated with short-lived radioisotopes a month after Japan's Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant accident, a sign that the spilled radiation reached the state's coastline, according to a new scientific study. <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2012/04/07/BAO51O00HO.DTL>

**The Christian Science Monitor - Studies fault Bayer in bee die-off** - 4/6/12 - A corn pesticide manufactured by the German chemical company Bayer has come under scrutiny in two scientific studies that indicate that it is responsible for mass deaths of pollinating bees.  
<http://www.csmonitor.com/Science/2012/0406/Studies-fault-Bayer-in-bee-die-off>

**KDHE (News Release) - KDHE Seeks Public Comment on Plan to Address the Coleman South Site, Wichita, Kansas** - 4/6/12 - The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is asking for public comments on the agency's plan to address groundwater and soil contamination at the Coleman South Site in Wichita, Kansas. The public comment period will run April 9 to May 9.  
[http://www.kdheks.gov/news/web\\_archives/2012/04062012a.htm](http://www.kdheks.gov/news/web_archives/2012/04062012a.htm)

**New York Post - Column: Very few of the above | The real Obama energy policy** - 4/7/12 - President Obama says he's in favor of an all-of-the-above energy policy — but that hasn't slowed him down in his pursuit of his very-few-of-the-above policy.  
[http://www.nypost.com/p/news/opinion/opedcolumnists/very\\_few\\_of\\_the\\_above\\_BDkSm4BWKfYRfNAoAgm1tO](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/opinion/opedcolumnists/very_few_of_the_above_BDkSm4BWKfYRfNAoAgm1tO)

**Huffington Post - National Mayor's Challenge For Water Conservation Aims To Inspire Communities** - 4/6/12 - Throughout the month of April, civic leaders across the country are encouraged to step up and inspire their residents to join the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. The competition, which honors the 40th anniversary of the Clean Water Act, is focused on individual pledges to reduce water and energy consumption.  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/04/06/national-mayors-challenge-water-conservation\\_n\\_1403872.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/04/06/national-mayors-challenge-water-conservation_n_1403872.html)

**BNA - Ozone Advance Program Encourages State, Local Agencies to Take Early Action** - 4/9/12 - The Environmental Protection Agency is encouraging state and local governments to take early action to reduce ground-level ozone concentrations.  
[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=25794527&vname=denotallissues&jd=a0d1j4v4b7&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=25794527&vname=denotallissues&jd=a0d1j4v4b7&split=0)

**BNA - Arsenic Working Group Cites Challenges To Alternative Water Treatment Devices** - 4/9/12 - Decentralized drinking water treatment devices for reducing arsenic levels in homes and buildings could cut installation costs for some small public water systems but present access, maintenance, and monitoring challenges, members of a federally sponsored arsenic working group said.  
[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=25794533&vname=denotallissues&jd=a0d1j4z7x3&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=25794533&vname=denotallissues&jd=a0d1j4z7x3&split=0)

**BNA - Inspector General Outlines Five-Year Plan For Audits, Other Oversight of EPA Programs** - 4/9/12 - During the next five years, the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Inspector General will focus its audits and other oversight on EPA programs that address air pollution and climate change; water quality, cleaning up communities, and sustainable development; the safety of chemicals and other pollution prevention; and overall enforcement of environmental laws, the OIG said in an April report.  
[http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=25794530&vname=denotallissues&jd=a0d1j4y8m6&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=25794530&vname=denotallissues&jd=a0d1j4y8m6&split=0)

**Inside EPA - States, Biofuel Advocates See EPA Stalling 'Tier III' Rule Until After Election** - 4/6/12 - State officials and biofuel advocates say EPA might delay its "Tier III" fuel and vehicle rule until after the November election, saying the Obama administration could stall the rule to try and avoid until after the election new controversies over an agency regulation that Republicans.  
<http://insideepa.com/201204062395316/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/states-biofuel-advocates-see-epa-stalling-tier-iii-rule-until-after-election/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - DOJ Asks Congress To Reinstate Broad FOIA Waiver After High Court Loss** - 4/9/12 - The Department of Justice (DOJ) is urging Congress to reinstate a broadly construed exemption from the

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) that had allowed agencies to withhold environmental and other data that could be used to circumvent legal requirements.

<http://insideepa.com/201204092395430/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/doj-asks-congress-to-reinstate-broad-foia-waiver-after-high-court-loss/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - Advisers Approve 'Science' Report Despite Concerns It May Aid EPA Critics - 4/9/12 -**

A panel of EPA advisers has signed off on its long awaited recommendations on how the agency can improve its scientific work that influences agency decisions.

<http://insideepa.com/201204092395431/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/advisers-approve-science-report-despite-concerns-it-may-aid-epa-critics/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - Equity Advisers Tout Air Law For EPA To Mandate IST At Chemical Plants - 4/9/12 -**

EPA's environmental justice advisers are calling on the agency to use Clean Air Act authority to mandate that water treatment plants and other facilities housing dangerous chemicals use "inherently safer technology" (IST) to reduce risks from the chemicals.

<http://insideepa.com/201204092395432/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/equity-advisers-tout-air-law-for-epa-to-mandate-ist-at-chemical-plants/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - EPA Weighs Dropping Controversial 2010 Memo Limiting Stormwater 'Flow' - 4/9/12 -**

EPA is weighing whether to revise, retain or drop a controversial 2010 draft memorandum that encouraged regulators to use stormwater "flow" as a surrogate for other pollutants when crafting permits and other discharge control requirements.

<http://insideepa.com/201204092395435/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-weighs-dropping-controversial-2010-memo-limiting-stormwater-flow/menu-id-95.html>

**Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

**April 12 Tree Planting Project to Help Restore English Landing Park in Parkville, Mo., in Celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day – 4/9/12 – Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557**

**Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

**Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

**4/10/12** – Meet with Gwendolyn Grant, President and CEO of Urban League of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**4/12/12** – Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC), Science and Technology Center. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

**4/12/12** - Park Reopening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Parkville Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster 7557

**4/13/12** – Meet with Joanne Dean, US Postal Service, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**4/17/12** – Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) Directors Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Toni Gargas, 7193

**4/17/12** – Meet with Judith Enck, RA for Region 2, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**4/17/12** – Meet with Geoff Jolley, District Director for U.S. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, Regional Office.

Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555, and Julia Cacho, 7071

**4/18/12** – Visit University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Damon Frizzell, 7560, Julia Cacho, 7071

**4/18/12** – Meet and Greet with Ronnie Green, Vice Chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Damon Frizzell, 7560

**4/24/12** – Washington University Environmental Policy Course, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Beckie Himes, 7253, and Julia Cacho, 7071

**4/26/12** – Visit Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan. Contact: Damon Frizzell, 7560

**4/26/12** – Radio Interview with Eric Atkinson, K-State, Manhattan, Kan. Contact: Damon Frizzell, 7560, Kris Lancaster, 7557

**5/3/12** – St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association Energy and Environment Council Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contacts: Becky Weber, 7487 and Julia Cacho, 7071

**5/8/12** – St. Regis Catholic School Wetlands Event, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**5/9/12** – Meet with Mayor Ron Corbett, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557, Julia Cacho, 7071

**5/10/12** – Meet with Mayor Roy Buol, Dubuque, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557, Julia Cacho, 7071

**5/31/12** – Chemicals Commodities, Inc. Celebration Event, Olathe, Kan. Contact: Belinda Young, 7463

**6/19/12** – National Congress of American Indians Mid Year Conference, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381, Julia Cacho, 7071

**7/16-17/12** – Spring Budget Forum, Washington D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**7/18/12** – National Tribal Operations Committee, Washington D.C. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381, Julia Cacho, 7071

## **RA/Immediate Office**

**4/9-11/12** - Attend Spring Hypoxia Meeting, Memphis, Tenn. Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

**4/18/12** - Visit University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Damon Frizzell, 7560

**4/23-4/26/12** - Attend Spring EMC Meeting, Washington, D.C. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

**4/24/12** - Attend Heartland Manure Management Meeting, St. Joe, Mo. Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

**4/26/12** - Visit Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kan. Contacts: Josh Svaty, 7202 and Damon Frizzell, 7560

**5/9/12** - Meet with Mayor Ron Corbett, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**5/10/12** - Meet with Mayor Roy Buol, Dubuque, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**6/5 -7/12** - Attend Kansas Geological Survey 2012 Field Conference, Norton/Colby/Goodland, KS  
Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202



## **Other Events**

### **AWMD**

**4/12/2012** - Meeting on Nebraska Regional Haze, North Platte, Neb. Contact: Chris Wolfersberger, 7864.

**4/16/2012** - Attending Economy, Energy and Environment Meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Marcus Rivas, 7669.

**4/16-19/2012** - Participating in the 26th annual BioCycle West Coast Conference, Portland, Oregon. Contact: Gayle Hubert, 7439

**4/17-18/2012** - Participating in the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) Division Director meeting in the Regional Office, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Toni Gargas, 7193.

**4/19/2012** - Participation in Sprint Earth Day Event, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Craig Bernstein, 7688

**4/22/2012** – Participating in the Earth Day Wellness and Watershed Festival, Ridgedale, Mo. Contact: Bruce Canova, 7888.

**4/23/2012** - Participation in Sac and Fox Earth Event, Horton, Kan. Contact: Gina Grier, 7078

**4/24-26/2012** - Participating public and stakeholder meetings as part of Community Engagement Initiative, Muscatine, Iowa. Contact: Amy Algoe-Eakin, 7942.

**4/26/12** – Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) outreach to Sunbelt Environmental, Springfield, Mo. Contact: Alan Hancock, 7647

**5/1/2012** - RCRA 101 Presentation to the Iowa Strategic Goals Program, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Jim Aycock, 7

**5/10/2012** - Participation in Earth Day event at Ft. Leavenworth, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. Contact: Craig Bernstein, 7688.

### **CNSL**

None

### **ECO/EJ**

**4/23/12** - Sac and Fox of Missouri Tribe Earth Day, Reserve, Kan. Contact: Karim Dawani, 7289

**4/24/12** - Carter Carburetor Roundtable Discussion (rescheduled from 4/3/12), St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Pamela Johnson, 7480

### **ENSV**

None

### **PLMG**

None

### **RA/OPA**



**5/8/12** – Cleburn Well Street site, public meeting regarding new Proposed Plan and Public Comment Period, Grand Island, Neb. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

## **SUPR**

**4/10-12/12** - Oil Program Manager's meeting, Washington, D.C. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

**4/17-19/12** - Region 7 Regional Response Team meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Janice Kroone, 7005

**\*4/17-18/12** - Phase sampling and contamination investigation at Sherwood Medical Company, Norfolk, Neb. Contact: Ken Rapplean, 7769

**\*4/18/12** - Attend quarterly U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Open House in Yutan, Neb. Contact: Ken Rapplean, 7769

**\*4/17-19/12** - Restoration Advisory Board meeting, project manager meeting and site visit for Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, Burlington, Iowa. Contact: Sandeep Mehta, 7763

**\*4/19/12** Five Year Review Inspection, Des Moines TCE site, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Sandeep Mehta, 7763

**4/20/12** - Earth Day Outreach with Mobile Command Post, Delaware Ridge Elementary School, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: John Frey, 7994

**4/23/12** - Conduct training and outreach to Turner High School girls on oil spill cleanups as part of a careers in science and engineering grant awarded to the Girl Scouts of America in Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Megan Schuette, 7630

**5/1-3/12** - National Response Team/Regional Response Team Co-Chairs meeting, location TBD, Contact: Janice Kroone, 7005

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**\*4/9-11/12** - Spring Hypoxia Meeting, Memphis, Tenn. Contact: Wayne Gieselman, 7785

**\*4/9/12** - Belews Creek 319 Project Stream Bank Stabilization Seminar and Workshop, Fenton, Mo. Contact: Theresa Brink, 7337

**\*4/10/12** - Missouri Safe Drinking Water Commission Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Neftali Heranadez-Santiago, 7036

**\*4/10-11/12** - MDNR Green Infrastructure Workshop and meeting with Joplin officials about request for Green Infrastructure training, Joplin, Mo. Contact: Mandy Whitsitt, 7311

**4/10-11/12** - Missouri's Green Infrastructure Workshop, Joplin, Mo. Contact: Kerry Herndon, 7286

**4/11-12/12** - 4-State Drinking Water Administrator meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Mary Mindrup, 7431

**4/17-19/12** - National TMDL/303(d) Coordinators Meeting, San Francisco, Calif. Contacts: Tabatha Adkins, 7128, Bruce Perkins, 7067

**4/17-19/12** - Nebraska permits review, Lincoln, Neb. Contacts: Kimberly Hill, 7841, Michael Boeglin, 7252

**\*4/17-19/12** - National Water Division Directors Meeting, Dallas, Tex. Contacts: Karen Flourney, 7782, Wayne Gieselman, 7785

**\*4/23/12** - Missouri State Revolving Fund 2011 Set-Aside Review Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Neftali Heranadez-Santiago, 7036

**4/23-24/12** - Missouri State Revolving Fund review, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Nancy Healy, 7713, Judy Novak, 7360, Tanya Nix, 7170

**4/23-25/12** - Region 7 hosts National EPA Managers Underground Injection Control meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Mary Mindrup, 7431

**4/24-25/12** - Heartland Animal Manure Management Workshop, St. Joseph, Mo. Contact: Damon Frizzell, 7560

**\* 4/30-5/4/12** - 404 Training Course, Denver, Colo. Contacts: Mandy Whitsitt, 7311, Darin Banks, 7224

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